

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR



Mrs. Estella Banks

Sunrise

January 11, 1932

Sunset

May 7, 2023

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
~Revelation 21:4

Saturday, May 13, 2023, 2:00pm

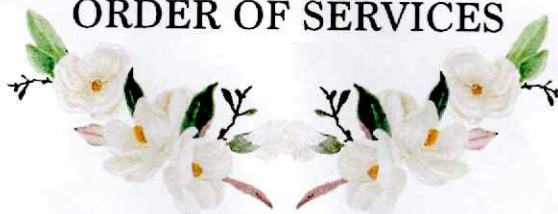
Union Grove Baptist Church Smith County

Pastor | Rev. Robert Bender

Officiate | Rev. James Crosby

MC | Ellisteen Johnson

ORDER OF SERVICES



Processional
Scripture

Soft Music
Rev. Alvin Moore

Prayer

Song
Words of Comfort

Sis. Brenda King McCullum
Rev. Alvin Moore

Remarks (3 minutes please)

Acknowledgements

Sis. Ellisteen Johnson

Tributes

Sis. Brenda King McCullum

Song

Bro. Ben Bradley

Obituary (read silently)

Soft Music

Song

Eulogy

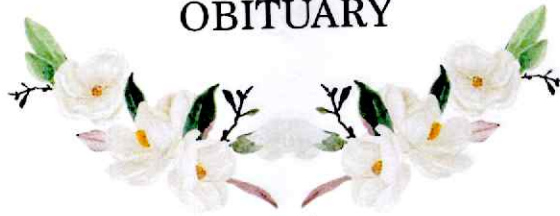
Rev. James Crosby

Recessional

Funeral Directors in Charge



OBITUARY



Estella Banks was born on January 11, 1932 to the late John McNair and Candis (Bendifield) McNair in Newton, MS. She was the last of seven children.

She joined Jerusalem MB Church at an early age. She was united in holy matrimony to the late James Allen Banks; to this union 8 children were born. She later become an honorary member of the Union Grove MB Church where she served faithfully until her health failed.

She was employed at the Raleigh Corporation, in Raleigh, MS, as a utility worker until she retired. She then worked part time at the A&B Core in Raleigh, MS until it closed.

She transitioned from this life Monday May 7th, 2023 at her home with her family by her side. She leaves to cherish her memories four children: James Earl Banks (Barbara), Sara Vista, AR; Iria Allen Banks (Yetta) Forest, MS; Linda Bates, Forest, MS; Ruby Lee Lockett (Bobby) Lake, MS; 20 grandchildren, 56 great grandchildren, 21 great great grandchildren, and 8 great great great grandchildren. She also leaves to cherish her memories with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband James Allen Banks. 4 daughters: Bernes Teen, Brenda, Vivian, and Margaret. 2 brothers: Ned and Claude. 3 sisters: Selester, Christine, Lorene. 1 sister-in-law: Louise. 1 brother in law: NB.

FAMILY



Your 91-year journey on earth has come to an end; your radiant smile is forever etched in our hearts. You were always joyous and euphoric; fiercely strong, fiercely devoted, and stunningly confident and bold.

You never held back and loved with all of your heart! You were a wonderful example and role model for us all; you were helpful, kind, an encouraging mother, and a loving grandmother.

We are full of so many emotions now that you are gone. Sad because you are no longer with us, yet grateful you were able to live a long and fruitful life. We are proud to be the legacy you leave behind. We will continue to honor you and your memory every day, knowing you are close to our hearts.

We grieve now that you are gone from this earth, but rejoice because by God's grace, we will see you again!

MEMORIES



TRIBUTES



"If Roses Grow In Heaven"

If roses grow in heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for us.
Place them in our mom's arm and tell her they're us.
Tell her we love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy, we do it every day.
But there's an ache within our hearts, that will never go away.

Your Loving Children

"Wonderful Grandmother"

God made a wonderful grandmother, one who never grew old.
He made her smile of the sunshine, and He molded her heart of
pure gold.
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars, and her cheeks fair
roses we see, God made a wonderful grandmother, Thank God
He gave that wonderful grandmother to us.

The Grandchildren

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



The family of Mrs. Estella Banks sincerely appreciate the many acts of love and kindness shown toward our family during this difficult time. The calls, visits, and especially the prayers were not unnoticed. We grieve, but we rejoice in our mother's new heavenly home. Blessings upon blessings to each of you. A special thanks to: Hospice Care of Raleigh, MS.

Honorary Pall Bearers
Active Pallbearers

Grandsons
Nephews

Interment

Union Grove Cemetery

